

What is claimed is:

1. A portable, engine-powered, hand tool comprising:
a housing (10) with a rotatable shaft (11) releasable connected to a rotatable cutting tool (13), a locking pin (17) that is movable along its axis inside a hole (16) in the housing (10) and arranged for movement to a locking position to interfere with the rotation of the shaft (11) to lock the shaft (11) in a non-rotating position, and a magnet (19) carried by the housing that retains the locking pin (17) in its locking position to facilitate removal and installation of the cutting tool on the shaft.

2. A tool according to claim 1, wherein the locking pin (17) is made of a magnetic material and the magnet (19) is fastened to the housing (10).

3. A tool according to claim 1, wherein the magnet (19) is a neodymium magnet.

4. A tool according to claim 1, wherein a fastening device (12) for the cutting tool (13) is attached to the shaft (11) and is provided with an opening (18) with an axial

centerline that can align with an axial centerline of the hole (16) in the housing, wherein the locking pin (17) can be inserted into the opening (18).

5. A tool according to claim 1, wherein the housing (10) includes a gear box for a clearing saw and the cutting tool (13) a circular saw blade.

6. In a portable, engine-powered, hand tool having a circular saw blade releasably fixed to an end of a rotatable shaft, the improvement comprising:

a locking pin of magnetic material movable along its axis from a non-locking position to a locking position that locks the rotatable shaft in a fixed position to facilitate installation and removal of the saw blade, the tool including a magnet for holding the locking pin in its non-locking and locking positions.